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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, July 18, 2019

Location: 8:00 A.M. – MMD, 95 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, MA 02571

Roll Call:

Commissioners:	Jack M. Silva, Chairman	Present
	Kathleen Bird, Clerk	Present
	Susan Akins	Present

Liaison officer:	Alan Slavin	Absent
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Ex Officio:	David Menard, Director	Present
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The meeting was called to order at 8:06 A.M.

The minutes of June 20, 2019 were read and approved: 3-0-0

There were no licenses to approve.

Director's Report:

The Director of Municipal Maintenance stated that there were three (3) interments since the last meeting, all of which were cremations. He also informed the Cemetery Commissioners that he, as their representative, approved one flat marker to be installed in Centre Cemetery Section C.

Mr. Menard also informed the Cemetery Commissioners that he met with Joseph Barnicoat of Barnicoat Associated Memorials in Centre Cemetery yesterday, Wednesday, July 17, 2019, to discuss available options for resetting and/or re-erect some of the older headstones. Mr. Barnicoat will give Mr. Menard a quoted estimate and start the work sometime in August. The Director also stated the cost of up righting these older stones would be paid out of the Municipal Maintenance's budget.

The Director of Municipal Maintenance discussed signing a contract with Tom Daly of Cemetery Helpful Solutions. Since the last meeting, the contract was received thru this office and Mr. Menard authorized the agreement by signing it on July 15, 2019.

Basically, this will be a one year contract providing professional services, cemetery guidance and expertise pertaining to the Town cemeteries. If possible, the Cemetery Commissioners would like to have Mr. Daly attend next month's meeting. They have several questions to ask him relative to cemeteries and they would also like to introduce Susan Akins, the newest Cemetery Commissioner to Mr. Daly. The Cemetery Commissioners would like Mr. Daly to give Ms. Akins some education relating to the perpetual laws, along with the money aspects between both sales of lots and graves and perpetual care.

Mr. Menard stated he would like to begin repairing the Agawam wall and use monies from the R&M Cemeteries account to pay for it.

Mrs. Bird asked if it was feasible to contract out the Municipal Maintenance Department in order to assist with the care and maintenance of St. Patrick's Cemetery. Mr. Menard stated that unfortunately this would not be possible due to lack of man power.

A marker for Erica Leigh Weiss was presented to the Cemetery Commissioners for approval. The schematic showed a ceramic photo of Erica, as well as, the letters "RIP" next to "a Shining Star". A discussion ensued regarding the standard size of photos placed on headstones and markers and it was determined to create a policy to "set the size". All photos should be in proportion to the size of the headstone or marker. Two votes were taken for this marker: The first was a vote to have the photo be 6" inches or less (3-0-0) and the second vote was to allow the RIP to remain on the marker. Jack Barnicoat has been hired to create the marker and the Cemetery Commissioners will request to have "RIP" spelled out as "Rest in Peace, as their preference, to be placed under the wording "A Shining Star, but will allow the RIP if it is due to a financial burden. This vote was 2-1-0.

A schematic was brought before the Commissioners for a marker for Carol Ravida, Agawam Annex, Lot 234, grave 7. Due to the fact that this marker was ordered by Southcoast Resident Services, the Commissioners are requiring a Power of Attorney or a legal guardianship decree before the marker can be installed. Vote: 3-0-0.

Once again the request to approve the Pina bench for lot 283 graves 1 and 2 in the Centre Annex, was presented before the Commission. The Commissioners want to see what the picture looks like, the size of the photo and they would also like to know what the wording and it's placement will be on the bench. They would like to receive all of the information required, as well as, all documents notarized for a final submission and vote. Tabled

Cemetery Commissioners requested a copy of the final cemetery schedule for FY'19. It will be ready to be presented at the next meeting.

A Norfolk Power Equipment invoice in the amount \$94.44 will be paid from the Cemetery gift account. It was voted: 3-0-0 to process payment.

Jack D. Silva

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